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## MAKE IT 8 STRAIGHT

Halifax Mooseheads forward Matthew Boudreau fires a puck at Moncton Wildcats netminder Alex Dubéau during the third period of Thursday's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. Halifax won 7-3 and has now won eight straight games. Story, see page 17. DEVAAN INGRAMHAM/FOR METRO

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Dalhousie Tigers scrap the women's hockey team for a season. PAGE 17

# RCMP apply anti-biker-gang tool

**Deterrent?** Mounties use organized-crime charges against three Bacchus club members, first such charges in Nova Scotia history

### Quoted

**"If convicted, they would be akin to the Hell's Angels."**

RCMP Insp. Joanne Crampton

The RCMP has laid Nova Scotia's first-ever criminal-organization charges against three members of the Bacchus motorcycle gang, and top Mountie officials hope it makes other would-be members think twice about joining.

"No longer are they just a group of motorcycle enthusiasts. We now are saying they're a criminal organization," said RCMP Insp. Joanne Crampton.

Patrick James, 45, and

that is known as a criminal organization," Crampton said.

Crampton said the organized-crime offence is a "terrific tool" that serves public safety by clearly identifying Bacchus as more than merely an outlaw biker group.

Organized-crime charges have never been laid in Nova Scotia, but the Hell's Angels have been convicted of them multiple times in other Canadian jurisdictions.

"These groups have a lot of power through intimidation," Crampton said. "If we don't have the proper tools within the Criminal Code to deal with that, then we would never be able to lay the applicable charges."

James, Howe and Pearce will appear in court on Monday, but Crampton said they will likely not be tried together. HALEY RYAN/METRO



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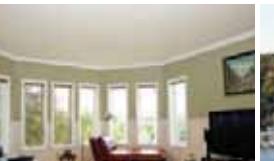
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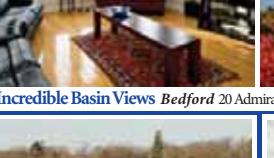


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## Shelburne. Local man convicted for poking holes in girlfriend's condoms loses appeal

A Shelburne man convicted of sexual assault for trying to trick his girlfriend into becoming pregnant by poking holes in her condoms has lost his appeal.

Craig Jaret Hutchinson received an 18-month prison sentence in December 2011 after his judge-only trial heard that he pricked his girlfriend's condoms with a pin in 2006 so she would get pregnant and not break up with him.

The Halifax-area woman became pregnant and had an abortion, but she later suffered an infection of her uterus that was treated with antibiotics.

Hutchinson later filed an appeal, arguing that the Nova Scotia Supreme Court's sentence was harsh and excessive and that the woman consented to having sex with him.

But in a 4-1 majority decision, the provincial Court of Appeal said Thursday the sentence was not unfit and the trial judge was correct to conclude that the woman did not consent to having unprotected sex.

"It is clear that protected sex was an essential feature of the proposed sexual act and an inseparable component of (the woman's) consent," states the 77-page decision.

One judge dissented, saying the case was not about a lack of consent but rather whether the consent was invalidated by fraud. Hutchinson was granted bail pending his appeal and is back in custody.

His lawyer, Luke Craggs, said he is considering an appeal with the Supreme Court of Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Regional councillors and safety advocates are looking for solutions after two more car-pedestrian collisions in HRM — one in a marked crosswalk. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/METRO

# 3 pedestrians hit by cars in 2 days in HRM

### Ongoing problem.

Car-pedestrian collisions continue to plague the region; local councillor says information campaign 'obviously hasn't worked'



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While a new year has begun, an old issue continues to rear its head — pedestrian-vehicle collisions remain an ongoing safety problem in and around HRM.

The latest incident occurred Thursday morning when a 31-year-old man was

hit in a marked crosswalk in Bedford, adding to the rash of similar incidents in recent weeks.

A 32-year-old was ticketed for jaywalking after she was hit while crossing Herring Cove Road Wednesday afternoon, and a 40-year-old man suffered serious injuries in a hit-and-run a few hours later as he walked along Highway 2 in Stewiacke.

"We're trying to make these collisions as public as possible, so people take notice," said Halifax Regional Police Const. Pierre Bourdages.

Coun. Linda Mosher (Armada-Peninsula West) said while many people are calling for more crosswalks to be painted, the bottom line

### Quote

**"You're talking about a big mass of metal colliding with somebody's flesh."**

Halifax Regional Police Const. Pierre Bourdages

is that pedestrians need to keep their eyes open.

"Based on our data, you're more apt to get hit in a marked crosswalk than an unmarked crosswalk," Mosher said. "Just because you're in one ... it does not mean the vehicles are going to yield."

Mosher said an information campaign launched a few years ago "obviously

hasn't worked," and suggested something simpler is needed — much like the "Only rain in the storm drain" Halifax Water slogan.

She said drivers also need to remember the rules of the road, noting pedestrians have the right of way anywhere roads intersect — whether a crosswalk is marked or not.

"The vast majority of the time, drivers don't stop," Mosher said. "I feel like wearing a sign saying, 'There's a crosswalk at every intersection.'"

Mosher said the city's traffic authority has acted on her suggestions in the past, but should be open to more new ideas. "They do have to be open minded," Mosher said.



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Natasha Parker in court Thursday.  
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## Court

### Dog owner seeking advice from lawyer after child bitten

The owner of a dog that bit a child in a Cole Harbour home will return to provincial court in late January to face a charge under HRM's animal-control bylaws.

Natasha Parker appeared in Dartmouth provincial court Thursday morning for an arraignment, and asked for time to consult a lawyer before entering a plea.

Animal-services officers seized Parker's dog, de-

scribed as a pit bull, after it bit a four-year-old girl in a home on Arklow Drive Dec. 9.

The child's father has said he wants the dog destroyed.

HRM officials say the animal's fate depends on the outcome of the court process.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

## Navy

### HMCS Athabaskan damaged after repair problems

The navy says a destroyer docked in Cape Breton has

been damaged and was set adrift while under tow after problems arose with repair work carried out at an Ontario dockyard.

Capt. Doug Kierstead says HMCS Athabaskan drifted for several hours off Scatarie Island on Friday after the tow line broke.

Kierstead says there is damage to the hull, though he wouldn't say how that damage happened.

The vessel was expected to be capable of sailing after a routine refit in November last year at Seaway Marine and Industrial Inc. in Welland, Ont.

But Kierstead says the ship couldn't steam back

to Halifax on its own power due to "further unforeseen maintenance."

He says the ship will remain in Sydney until officers determine how to safely return it to Halifax for repairs.

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## Fall River

### Police seek suspect following robbery at restaurant

RCMP investigators are asking the public to help find a man who robbed a Fall River restaurant.

The man walked into

the restaurant on Highway 2 around 10 p.m. Wednesday, armed with a knife, and demanded cash. He got some and left, and then tried to rob an elderly man at a nearby ATM.

The senior didn't hand over any money, and the man took off in a vehicle.

Only a limited description of the suspect is available, and police are asking anyone with information to get in touch. METRO

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# Halifax fans drown sorrows after Team Canada defeat

## Teens eliminated.

Mooseheads Jonathan Drouin and Nathan MacKinnon prepare for bronze-medal game at world juniors after semifinal loss to U.S.

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They arrived in droves, filling Bubba Ray's sports bar to near capacity at 5 a.m. in hopes of seeing Team Canada earn a trip to the world junior hockey championship final.

It wasn't to be. It wasn't even close: The Americans spanked the Canucks 5-1 in Thursday's semifinal.

"We weren't ready for them," said Justin Gillespie, who showed up to the popular Spring Garden Road watering hole to watch the game. "It took us two per-

## Quoted

**"It was awesome to see how many people showed up for the game today."**

Team Canada fan Justin Gillespie

iods to wake up and eventually get going and make a game of it."

Like their Canadian teammates, Halifax Mooseheads linemates Jonathan Drouin and Nathan MacKinnon struggled, even after head coach Steve Spott placed the two on the same line in an effort to produce offence.

As far as 19-year-old Kirk Budden was concerned, MacKinnon had no business being designated to a checking role.

"Why wouldn't he be on the first if not the second line?" said Budden, reacting to Canada's four-goal deficit after two periods.

But like true Canadian

hockey fans, Budden and his friends, decked out in Team Canada colours, refused to accept the inevitable heartbreak.

After Canada scored a quick goal early in the third, they broke into roaring chants of "Canada! Canada!"

Minutes later the mood turned to despair, and soon after the Americans clinched the victory.

Bubba Ray's will air Canada's bronze-medal matchup against Russia on Saturday at 5 a.m.

Gillespie said he's considering showing up, and he wasn't too hard on the Canadian boys.

"It's a short, tough tournament to win, that's for sure," said Gillespie.

Bubba Ray's general manager, Woody Menear, said the spectacle was about more than just hockey-crazed fans swigging some beer.

"It was nice to see people being so patriotic so early in the morning," said Menear.



Team Canada fans watch the final minutes of the world junior championship semifinal game at Bubba Ray's sports bar early Thursday. Despite the 5 a.m. puck drop, the local watering hole was filled to capacity with Canuck fans who watched in horror as Team USA won game 5-1. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

# More fare for foodies with planned expansions



Cheese Curds, in Woodside, will open a second location in Burnside this year that will also house a second Habaneros location. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

Three popular eateries are revealing expansion plans worth drooling over, mere days after the abrupt closure of East Side Mario's in Dartmouth.

The locally owned and well-loved Tarek's Cafe, Habaneros and Cheese Curds will each open new locations in HRM this year.

"It's so popular, we can't keep up," said Bill Pratt, owner of both Cheese Curds and Habaneros.

Pratt said with lineups out the door and constant requests to bring his restaurants to other parts of HRM, a second space is only the beginning.

"The fact we're getting so many requests for it, why wouldn't we try to do something else?" Pratt said.

The new space, near Hertz and Brewbaker's on Windmill Road, will hold about 120 people and house both restaurants.

Next year Pratt hopes to open a Halifax branch, but he isn't worried about competition from other gourmet burger joints.

"There's room for everybody, we're a big city," Pratt said. "They do their thing, we're completely different."

Tarek's, which specializes in vegetarian and Middle Eastern fare, will open a second cafe at the old KFC on Herring Cove Road.

"We're very excited,

business has been great here," said Steve Kennedy, Tarek's manager.

He said while a core group of regulars keeps the cafe going, new people always find their way in and he is confident the same thing will happen in Spryfield.

"Every day there's new faces. You know they always come back — they love the food," Kennedy said.

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# Rape and murder charges laid against accused in gang rape

## Global outrage.

Protesters gather in New Delhi and around the world to push for stricter laws against sexual assaults in India

Five men accused of raping a university student for hours on a bus as it drove through India's capital were charged Thursday with murder, rape and other crimes that could bring them the death penalty.

The attack on the 23-year-old woman, who died of severe internal injuries over the weekend, provoked a fierce debate across India about the routine mistreatment of females and demanding daily protests demanding action.

There have been signs of change since the attack. Rapes, often ignored, have become front-page news, politicians have called for tougher laws, including the death penalty.



Savita Verma, a mother from Brampton, wipes a tear as she joins a protest outside the Indian Consulate in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and chemical castration for rapists, and the government is examining wide-scale reforms in the criminal justice system's handling of sexual assaults. Activists say the tragedy could mark a turning point for

women's rights.

In a nation where court cases often linger for years, the government set up a special fast-track court Wednesday to deal with crimes against women, and that is where the

charges against the five men were filed Thursday evening. The government said it planned to open four more of those courts in the city.

Prosecutor Rajiv Mohan filed a case of rape, tampering

with evidence, kidnapping, murder and other charges against the men. The charge sheet was not released and he asked for a closed trial. A hearing was set for Saturday.

The men charged were Ram

## Hunger striker wants action within 72 hours

Efforts to broker a solution to end a 24-day-old hunger strike by Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence have founders.

First Nations leaders had initially proposed a Jan. 24 meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. David Johnston, and took their proposal to Spence's teepee on Thursday afternoon.

But Spence told the aboriginal leaders Thursday that her failing health means she can't wait that long for assurances that her concerns about treaty rights will be addressed.

"She remains committed, she remains strong and she remains steadfast in what she is setting out to do," said Stan Louttit, grand chief of the Mushkegowuk Council, which includes the Attawapiskat First Nation.

"She is determined that a meeting with the prime minister is paramount and of utmost importance immediately."

Spence has been subsisting mainly on fish broth



Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, right, is in her fourth week of a hunger strike calling on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to meet and discuss First Nations issues. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

since Dec. 11, huddling in a tent on Victoria Island on the Ottawa River, just beyond Parliament Hill.

Spence has no problem with First Nations leaders meeting with Harper in a few weeks time, Louttit said, but she wants to be included in a preliminary meeting well be-

fore then.

"I think what is required for the life of these individuals here, for the life of the chief, is that there needs to be a meeting with the prime minister soon, within the next two or three days. Her life is on the line," said Louttit.

"From a human perspective and as a leader of this nation, he has a duty — a moral duty as a father and a husband — to listen and be able to meet with Chief Spence so that she can finish what she has set out to do."

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## Idle No More

"First Nations across this country have been voicing ... frustration with a broken system that does not address long-standing disparities between First Nations and the rest of Canada." Assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo

## Backwards justice

Many cases in India never get to court because of intense social pressure against families reporting sexual assaults, which are often blamed on the victims.

- When women do report rapes, police often refuse to file charges and pressure the victims to reach a compromise with their attackers.
- The 23-year-old was attacked Dec. 16 after boarding a bus with a male companion after watching an evening showing of the movie Life of Pi at a mall.

Singh, the bus driver; his brother Mukesh Singh, who cleans buses for the same company; Pavan Gupta, a fruit vendor; Akshay Singh, a bus washer; and Vinay Sharma, a fitness trainer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Illegal handle

Icelandic girl fighting state to keep her name

Call her the girl with no name.

A 15-year-old is suing the Icelandic state for the right to legally use the name given to her by her mother. The problem? Blaer, which means "light breeze" in Icelandic, is not on a list approved by the government.

Like a handful of other countries, including Germany and Denmark, Iceland has official rules about what a baby can be named. In a country comfortable with a firm state role, most people don't question the Personal Names Register, a list of 1,712 male names and 1,853 female names that fit Icelandic grammar and pronunciation rules and that officials maintain will protect children from embarrassment. Parents can take from the list or apply to a special committee that has the power to say yay or nay.

In Blaer's case, her mother said she learned the name wasn't on the register only after the priest who baptized the child later informed her he had mistakenly allowed it.

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## First shake. Baby reaching out of womb to grab doctor captured in viral photo

It's a moment Dr. Allan Sawyer will never forget — the newborn he was helping deliver reached out of her mother's womb and grabbed his finger.

Now he has the evidence hanging framed on his office wall, a thank you from the parents and the first viral photograph of 2013.

"It's just one of those miraculous moments," Sawyer's receptionist Tracy told Torstar News Service on Thursday.

Alicia and Randy Atkins delivered the picture on Boxing Day and then posted it on Alicia's company Facebook page, A Classic Pin-Up. Since then, thousands of people around the world have seen and shared it.

Alicia is the photographer in the family, but Randy snapped the picture after Sawyer told him, "Hey, she's grabbed my finger."

"My daughter reached up out of my stomach and grabbed the Doctor's finger and my hubby caught this special moment," Alicia said on the page.

"Truly amazing. I am in awe of this photo."

Since then, "the photo has gone completely viral worldwide, and as you can imagine, we are a little overwhelmed," she said.

The Glendale, Ariz., couple named the baby Nevaeh, which is heaven in reverse.

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The first viral photo of 2013 features a newborn girl who reached out and grabbed Dr. Allan Sawyer's finger while he was delivering her. CONTRIBUTED

Switzerland

## 3 gunned down in village streets

A shooting in southern Switzerland has left three women dead, two men wounded and highlighted the ease of access to firearms in the gun-loving nation.

The suspect, a 33-year-old unemployed man living on disability, opened fire from his apartment and pursued people in the street Wednesday night in the village of Daillon, authorities in the Swiss canton (state) of Valais said Thursday.

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Utah

## Elvis Presley too hot for 2013

A parent upset about Elvis Presley songs in a high-school drama prompted educators to cancel the musical, deeming it too sexual. But the decision was reversed Thursday.

Herriman High School received permission from the copyright owners of All Shook Up to edit the songs and make scene changes.

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New York

## Paper needs guns after outing users

A New York state newspaper that created a public outcry when it published the names and addresses of residents with handgun permits is being protected by armed guards.

Journal News last month published online maps with the names and addresses of pistol permit holders in two counties it covers. It sought the public records after the school shooting in nearby Newtown, Conn.

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California

## Teens cuffed for drugging parents

Two California teenagers were arrested after they gave one of the girl's parents milkshakes spiked with prescription sleeping pills so she could use the Internet past her curfew, police said.

The 15-year-old daughter and a 16-year-old friend were taken to Juvenile Hall.

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# Students attend their first day at Sandy Hook clone

### Newtown shooting.

School in neighbouring town made to look as close as possible to old school — plus security

Classes resumed Thursday for the students of the Newtown, Conn., school where a gunman last month killed 20 children and six adults in the second-largest school shooting in U.S. history.

With their school still being treated as a crime scene, the more than 400 students of Sandy Hook Elementary School attended classes in neighbouring Monroe.

Returning students, teachers and administrators were met by a large police presence outside their new school, an overhauled middle school that had been shuttered for nearly two years. Several officers guarded the entrance and checked IDs of parents dropping off children.

Law-enforcement officers guarding the new school called it "the safest school in



Signs welcome more than 400 students to the former Chalk School in Monroe, Conn. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

America."

Students found the same chairs and desks, when possible. Their classroom walls were painted the same colours and hung with the same pictures. Other details, such as the location of bookshelves and cubby holes, were replicated as much as possible.

The school district said

parents who wanted to be close to their children were welcome to visit and stay in classrooms or an auditorium.

Newtown superintendent Janet Robinson said officials would do their best to make the students feel at ease.

"We will be doing a normal day," she said.

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### Niggling doubt

"It's very hard to turn off the little 'What if?.... Dec. 14 started out as a normal day, too."

Sarah Caron, 32, parent of two kids scarred by the shooting, upon seeing them go back to school

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## Alberta

**Private info given by dating firm**

Alberta's privacy commissioner has ordered a speed-dating company to tighten its training after a woman complained her email address was given to a smitten suitor who didn't interest her.

In a seven-page ruling, the commissioner details how the unnamed woman attended a speed-dating event by Fast Life International. A few days later, two emails appeared in her inbox from a man who was there.

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## Facebook

**Canadians to test new feature**

Facebook has chosen Canadian users to test a new mobile feature to make free phone calls.

Facebook's new Messenger app for Apple mobile devices enables voice-over-Internet protocol phone calls, which use data instead of eating into the minutes in a mobile plan. The feature, which allows Facebook users to call each other for free, is being tested in Canada first.

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## Charges laid

**Wild-game sausage theft**

Charges have been laid after police say a northern Ontario man was hit in the face and had his package of wild-game sausages stolen. Provincial police in Parry Sound say the man picked up the sausages Dec. 30 at a wild-game dinner. Cops say while walking home he was attacked and the meat was stolen. Two Parry Sound men have been arrested.

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**Honesty. Ontario man finds and returns lost iPhone via Facebook app**

A London, Ont., woman had her lost iPhone returned after a 20-year old Good Samaritan found the phone and posted a message on her own Facebook wall.

"I found your phone ... this morning on my walk downtown, I know how much it sucks to lose your phone, but I just wanted to let you know your phone is safe and it doesn't appear to be damaged :)," said the posting by Londoner Gage de Vries.

The good news story quickly spread among Kellie Renwick's Facebook friends.

As comments and "likes" continued to pile up, Renwick and de Vries were able to eventually meet at de Vries' home so Renwick could retrieve her phone.

Renwick, 22, says she's "pretty notorious for losing

phones and what-not," and she's forever grateful for its return.

The phones sell for as much as \$700.

Though she's not completely certain, Renwick figures she left the iPhone on the roof of her car while hurriedly packing for a trip to Toronto.

Fittingly, right after Renwick left the de Vries residence, she expressed her gratitude on — you guessed it — her Facebook wall.

"I wish there were more people like Gage de Vries in the world," she said. "A true Good Samaritan, thank you so much for your kindness and honesty." De Vries was on his way to a youth unemployment office to print off resumes when he found the iPhone.

**JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON**



Gage de Vries returns Kellie Renwick's lost iPhone. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON



This undated photo shows a pod of narwhals off Canada's northern coast. KRISTIN LAIDRE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**American tusk smuggling bust**

**Narwhal tusks.** Two U.S. men charged with smuggling and money laundering; American prosecutors allege Canadians involved

## Vast market

**"The conspiracy we've alleged was over a period of 10 years."**

Todd Mikolop, case prosecutor for the environmental crimes section of the U.S. Dept. of Justice

A smuggling ring brought narwhal tusks from the Canadian Arctic into the United States in a trailer with a secret compartment and then illegally sold them to American buyers, officials said.

Andrew Zarauskas, of New Jersey, and Jay Conrad, of Tennessee, will be arraigned in Bangor, Maine, next week on 29 federal smuggling and money laundering charges each.

For nearly a decade, two Canadians smuggled the whale tusks into Maine and shipped them via FedEx to Zarauskas, Conrad and other unnamed American buyers, according to an indictment.

Narwhals are known as the unicorns of the sea for

waters and are harvested by Inuit hunters for their meat, skin and tusks, said Calvin Kania, president of Furcanada in British Columbia, which sells tusks to buyers who want them for display purposes or to turn into jewelry.

The tusks range from less than a metre to more than two metres, and typically sell for up to \$7,000 each, Kania said. He ships tusks worldwide, but not to countries that prohibit imports, including the U.S., the U.K. and Australia.

The court document doesn't specify how much money was involved, but it says the Canadian sellers received at least 150 payments from tusk buyers.

"The conspiracy we've alleged was over a period of 10 years, so there appears to have been enough of a market to support that length of conduct," said Todd Mikolop, who is prosecuting the case for the environmental crimes section of the Department of Justice.

Narwhals live in Arctic

The Canadians would take the tusks into the U.S. at the Calais, Maine, border crossing in a vehicle modified to conceal them or a trailer with a false bottom.

Two Canadians have been charged in connection with the case. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Mother Nature racks up \$65B in insurance payouts for 2012

**Disaster toll.** Weather events led by Superstorm Sandy cost the industry dearly, but total is down from record set during earthquake-ridden 2011

Natural disasters cost insurers \$65 billion US last year, with the United States accounting for nine-tenths of the bill and Superstorm Sandy prompting payouts of \$25 billion, a leading insurance company said Thursday.

However, Munich Re AG said that the total insured losses worldwide were down from a record \$119 billion in 2011, when devastating earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand cost the industry dear.

The company said total

## Market Minute

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\$400 billion.

Sandy, which battered eastern coastline areas at the end of October, killed at least 125 people in the United States and 71 people in the Caribbean. New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were the hardest-hit U.S. states.

Munich Re estimated insured losses from Sandy at \$25 billion and total losses at \$50 billion, though it cautioned that the figures are "still subject to considerable uncertainty." That made it the year's most costly disaster — but several other events in the U.S. meant that the country accounted for 90 per cent of insured costs and 67 per cent of overall losses, the company said.

The lengthy drought that seared swathes of the United States last summer produced 2012's second-biggest insurance bill. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

economic costs in 2012 from natural disasters worldwide — including uninsured losses — amounted to \$160 billion, compared with the previous year's

## Washington, D.C.

### Google chief's North Korean visit 'unhelpful': Official

The U.S. government is voicing opposition to a planned North Korea visit by Google's executive chairman. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Thursday the timing of the visit by Eric Schmidt and former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is "unhelpful."

People familiar with the plans say the trip will happen as early as this month.

Last month, North Korea shot a satellite into space on the back of a three-stage rocket in defiance of a UN ban. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## New York City

### Swiss bank to pay \$57.8M in U.S. tax-evasion case

Switzerland's oldest bank became the first foreign bank to plead guilty in the United States to tax charges when it admitted Thursday that it helped U.S. clients hide more than \$1.2 billion US from the Internal Revenue Service. Wegelin & Co., founded in 1741, entered the plea in federal court in Manhattan.

The bank had been accused of helping at least 100 U.S. clients conceal large sums of money from the federal tax-collection agency in overseas accounts. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Ho Chi Minh City

### Starbucks to open café in Vietnam

Starbucks Corp. says it will open its first Vietnam café next month in Ho Chi Minh City as part of its strategy to expand across Asia. The chain will be entering a country of coffee lovers that already has an established market. At least two popular homegrown chains have dozens of locations across the country. Vietnam is the world's second-largest coffee producer behind Brazil and provides high-quality beans for Starbucks stores in other countries. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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I spent my holiday honing my psychic skills. Here are my predictions for the year ahead:

**1** Deja vu. This year's top reality show will feature a mother managing the careers of her daughters who, with no discernible talents, eclipse professional entertainers for roles and public attention as they date, marry and divorce rich celebrities. Hey, wait a minute ...

**2** And yet ... Kim Kardashian will resist the temptation to repeat previous mistakes and enter hastily into marriage with Kanye West. She will publicly reveal her enlightenment regarding the seriousness of such commitment right before she announces that video cameras will be installed in her uterus to broadcast her pregnancy from within.

**3** Do not pass go. Lindsay Lohan will go to prison. Not so much a "prediction," but I'm probably not wrong.

**4** Weed warnings. Legalized marijuana will become a growth market and be sold, pre-rolled, in packages like cigarettes. Cautionary labels will read, "Song lyrics may seem more profound than they truly are," "Please refrain from making career-altering decisions while under the influence of this product" and "Dude, don't forget the Cheetos."

**5** Here she comes. Honey Boo Boo Child, in a "go-go juice"-induced rage, will pummel a pageant adversary, and emerge as trailer-park queen-for-a-day. Endorsement deals will allow her to set aside funds for the therapy and new set of teeth she will eventually require.

**6** Jersey jacking. Former Jersey Shore cast members will be kidnapped by terrorists and held hostage. A series of prolonged negotiations will be televised and the perpetrators will end up winning an MTV award.

**7** 50 Shades of Stress. Once the concept of BDSM is acclimated into public consciousness by the novels of E. L. James, studies will show accelerated hair loss in fathers with daughters.

**8** Stellar sequels. Disney will attempt to shake up the decaying Star Wars franchise by producing new chapters with elements that have proven successful for them in the past. In the new version, Luke Skywalker will be played by a mouse with a high-pitched voice, Darth Vader will be a large bulldog and R2D2 will be played by a member of the George W. Bush administration.

**9** Rim rocks. The much-anticipated BlackBerry 10 will launch to critical acclaim, causing millions of consumers to say, "Gee, too bad I already bought the iPhone."

**10** Playdate. Hugh Hefner, 86, and blushing new bride, 26-year-old Crystal Harris, will celebrate their honeymoon by going on a senior's cruise with her grandparents.

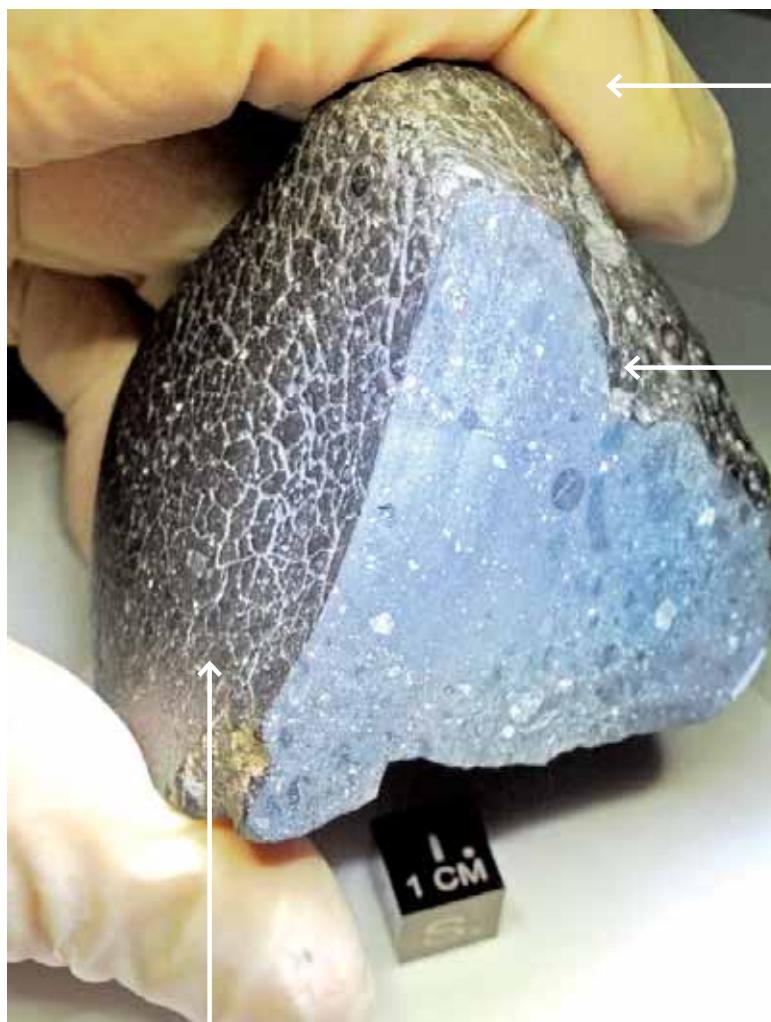
**11** Shut the puck up. Desperate for action after prolonged negotiations, NHL fans will receive gratification when commissioner Gary Bettman is unsuspectingly body-checked by a large hockey mom.

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Sweet grass: Fast Eddie Aki'a of Hawaii smokes a joint as thousands gathered to collectively light up at 4:20 p.m. on April 20, 2012, in Denver. GETTY IMAGES FILE

# A little bit of Mars on Earth



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Mars-velous meteorite

## Black Beauty rocks science world

Scientists are abuzz about this rock from Mars that landed in the Sahara

desert: A yearlong analysis revealed it's quite different from other Martian meteorites.

Not only is it older than most, it also contains more water. The baseball-size

meteorite, estimated to be two billion years old, is strikingly similar to the volcanic rocks examined by the NASA rovers Spirit and Opportunity on the Martian surface. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Triangular treasure

"Here we have a piece of Mars that I can hold in my hands. That's really exciting."

Carl Agee, director of the Institute of Meteoritics and curator at the University of New Mexico, who led the study published online Thursday in the journal Science

### Found in the desert

## Rock dated 2nd-oldest Mars find

The latest meteorite, known as NWA 7034 and nicknamed "Black Beauty," was donated to the University of New Mexico by an American who bought it from a Moroccan meteorite dealer last year.

Researchers performed a battery of tests on the meteorite and based on its chemical signature confirmed that it was blasted to Earth from Mars. At 2.1 billion years old, it's the second-oldest known Martian meteorite.

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### Rare and ancient

## 65

About 65 Martian rocks have been recovered on Earth, mostly in Antarctica or the Sahara.

## 4.5B

The oldest dates back 4.5 billion years to a time when Mars was warmer and wetter.

## 1.3B

About half a dozen Martian meteorites are 1.3 billion years old, and the rest are 600 million years or younger.



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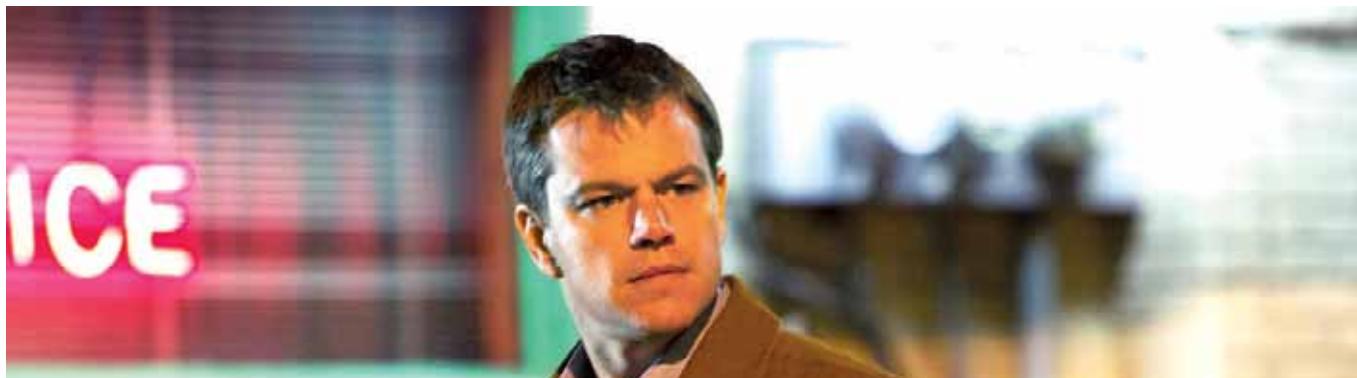
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Matt Damon co-wrote and stars in *Promised Land* — a film with a heavy message but no one around to do the heavy lifting. **HANDOUT**

#### Reel Guys

**RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN**



#### Sporadic dramatics.

The Reel Guys disagree if this flick walks a good balance of ideals or hits you over the head with its morals

**Richard:** Matt, *Promised Land* is one of those message movies you know is going to end with a big speech, so you just hope it's an entertaining ride until the final oration. In this case, I think the movie let its sense of earnestness overpower the entertainment.

It has good, likeable actors in a story that might have been better served in documentary form, rather than the contrived drama presented here.

**Mark:** Richard, the last thing I would want to watch is a documentary on the effects of gas drilling on farmland communities. The drama may be contrived, but at least it's drama. I liked watching Matt

Damon as he slowly realizes his moral complicity in an unsavoury venture. And Frances McDormand was great as his cynical, wisecracking side-kick. Yes, there's a big speech at the end, but you know the rule: when they show a town hall in act one, they're sure going to use it in act three.

**RC:** I know. And it is just that kind of formulaic filmmaking that kept the joy away for me. Maybe they fell into formula to make people feel comfortable with the amount of info they're being fed. It's hard to make talk of water table pollution dramatic, and while *Promised Land* makes an attempt by giving much of the heavy lifting to Hal Holbrook, the grand old man of the cast, it's still only as dramatic as a high school science class lecture.

**MB:** It's a bit more involving than that! The town has to choose between the hardened realism of Damon's character, and the idealism of John Krasinski's interloper. I

enjoyed watching the townspeople squirm as they made their choices. It's classic good versus evil, except that it's not. Did you guess the plot twist near the end? It took me by surprise.

**RC:** I didn't see the plot twist coming ... because it is totally unbelievable! That aside, the movie gets many of the details right — it's set in a town where the general store is called Rob's Guns, Groceries, Guitars and Gas — and its heart is certainly in the right place, but unlike movies like *Erin Brockovich*, which managed to mix message and medium, *Promised Land* feels crushed under the weight of its own heavy hand.

**MB:** Really, Richard, I thought the message was underplayed, especially compared to films like *North Country* and *Silkwood*. It's not a great film, even by the standards of bringing an important issue to light, but the performances and texture made it watchable for me.

#### Synopsis

Matt Damon (who also co-wrote the script with co-star John Krasinski) stars as Steve Butler, a charming salesman sent to a small Pennsylvania farming community to lease land for a giant natural gas company's fracking project. For him, it's a personal crusade; he believes he's transforming the lives of the cash-strapped farmers. For his partner Sue Thomason (Frances McDormand) it's a job that simply keeps her away from her young son. Complicating matters is Dustin Noble (Krasinski), an environmental activist who, as his last name might imply, comes to town to raise the alarm about the real cost of Steve and Sue's business offer.

#### Star ratings:

• Richard: ● ● ● ●

• Mark: ● ● ● ●

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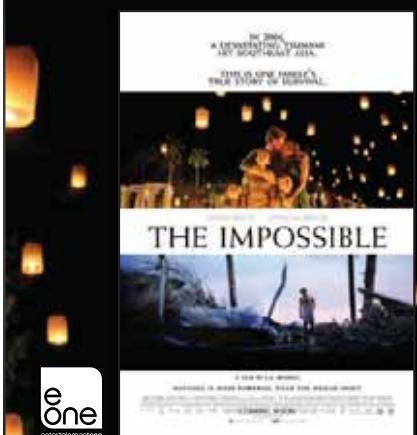
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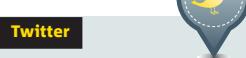
## Ke\$ha opens up about dating men ... and women

Ke\$ha tells the latest issue of Seventeen that she doesn't look at the sex of a person she wants to date, she looks at the whole person. "I don't love just men. I love people. It's not about a gender. It's just about the spirit that exudes from that other person you're with," she says.

She also recounts

how she uses setbacks she experienced earlier in her life to motivate herself.

"I remember every person who told me I couldn't do something or that I was ugly or too fat. I have a 's--- list' — people from my past who have been soulless and judgmental. ... I see them now and I'm like, 'Ha!'"



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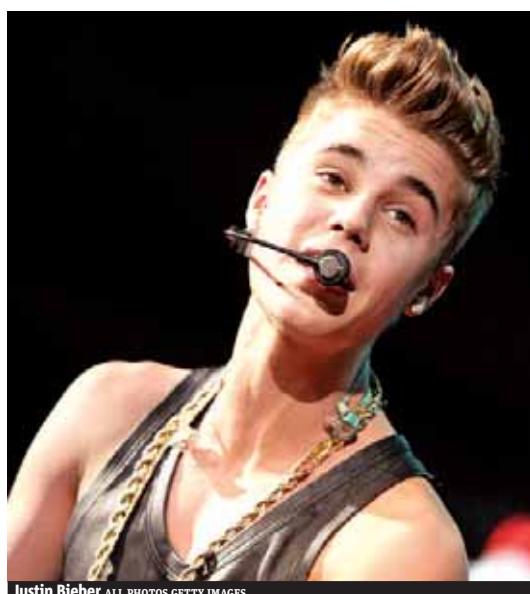
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To ring in the New Year, I'm heading to D.C. to watch Congress drop the ball. #whatdoyoumean-imthe500000thpersontomakethisjoke?



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In 2013 I am going to try to declutter my life. Floss more. Write more handwritten thank you notes. What about you??



Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Celebs call for tougher paparazzi rules in wake of photographer's death

The 29-year-old photographer had just snapped shots of Justin Bieber's white Ferrari when he was struck and killed by a passing car — a death that has spurred renewed debate over dangers paparazzi can

bring on themselves and the celebrities they chase.

The accident prompted some stars, including the teen heartthrob himself, on Wednesday to renew calls for tougher laws to rein in their pursuers, though previous urging have been stymied by First Amendment protections.

The Los Angeles County coroner's office confirmed Thursday that the photographer was Christopher James Guerra. Officials did not know his hometown, coroner's Lt. Larry Dietz said.

In a statement, Bieber said his prayers were with the photographer's family. Ironically, the singer wasn't even in the Ferrari on Tuesday.

"Hopefully this tragedy will finally inspire meaningful legislation and whatever other necessary steps to protect the lives and safety of celebrities, police officers, innocent public bystanders and the photographers themselves," Bieber said in a statement released by Island Def Jam Music Group.

Much of Hollywood was abuzz about the death, including Miley Cyrus, who sent several tweets critical of some of the actions of paparazzi and lamenting that the unfortunate accident was "bound to happen."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

## Worst celebrity tattoos



THE WORD

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In honour of the news that Lil' Wayne got "Baked" tattooed above his right eye (aren't you glad he doesn't have a real job? Can you imagine him sitting in front of HR?), The Word is compiling some of the worst celebrity tattoos.



Perhaps the most famous of bad celebrity tattoo decisions was when Angelina Jolie thought getting her then-husband's name in huge letters on her arm was smart. "Billy Bob" is now gone from her arm — and public consciousness.



Megan Fox used to have a huge tattoo of Marilyn Monroe's face on her inner arm, but she wised up and had it removed this year.



Scarlett Johansson got this wrist tattoo last year that has "I Love NY" written inside the "charm." At this point in her career, can't she get a bracelet that's removable?



Kelly Osbourne has skull and crossbones, complete with pink bows, on her feet. Next time she critiques someone else's choices on Fashion Police, remember this.



Hayden Panettiere's side tattoo "Vivere senza rimpianti" should read "to live without regrets" in Italian. Sadly, the Italian word for "regrets" is "rimpianti" meaning her tat is misspelled. So, yeah, about that whole "living without regrets" thing...

## CORRECTION NOTICE

Due to a production error made by Metro, an incorrect advertisement for a Cineplex promotion was placed in yesterday's edition.

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# Give the beef a break and reach for bison

## Seared Bison with Sage and Gnocchi.

Red meat alternative is gaining popularity

Now is the perfect time to venture down the culinary path with bison, an alternative red meat that is showing up at more and more grocers.

So let's start with the name. The critter you know as the American buffalo really isn't one at all. Turns out the American buffalo (technically a bison) is more closely related to your run-of-the-mill cow.

Bison meat (which is raised without hormones or antibiotics) can be incredibly tender and flavourful, with a sweet, rich beefy flavour.

It also happens to be amazingly lean, packing fewer calories and less fat than beef and even skinless chicken.

That low-fat profile comes with a price, however. Like any lean meat, bison has a tendency to cook quickly, so quickly that it's easy to overcook it. And that is why bison has a reputation for being tough. It isn't. If you have bison that is tough, that just means it was overcooked.

You can use bison much as you would beef. The trick is to modify the cooking method (rather than the flavours or other ingredients) to account for the leanness. Here, it's used with Italian potato gnocchi.

### Ingredients

- 1 lb package gnocchi pasta
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- 1 1/2 lbs bison steak, thinly sliced across the grain
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh sage
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and ground black pepper



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the gnocchi and cook according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water, then drain the gnocchi and set aside.
2. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil.

Add the garlic and red pepper flakes, then sauté the garlic for 30 seconds.

3. Add the steak and sear on each side for about 1 minute. Don't crowd the pan or the steak will steam rather than sear. If needed, work in batches.

4. Once the steak is seared, add the sage and cooked gnocchi. Cook for 30 seconds, then add the Parmesan. Drizzle in just enough of the reserved cooking water to form a sauce with the melted cheese. Toss, then season with salt and pepper.

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### Liquid Assets

## 2013 booze resolutions



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Well here we are, 2013. Over the holidays, I had more than a few glasses of wine in hopes of finding some inspiration for an appropriate life changing 2013. Unfortunately, all I could come up with were some boozy alternative resolutions to losing weight and managing money better for you, dear readers.

**Drink local:** There are independent wineries, distilleries and breweries filling bottles with unique liquids in your province. Find, buy and drink.

**Get social:** Share what you're drinking with your old high school mates and ex-significant others on Twitter or Facebook. Words not your thing? Post a picture. It will last longer.

**Channel your inner food fetish:** Pick a recipe, any recipe, find a beverage that works with it (just email me, I'll tell ya) and put both in your mouth.

**Return to the white side:** Reds have been the darling of vinophiles for long enough. In 2013, rediscover the subtle sophistication of something white. Try starting with Fazi Battaglia's 2011 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico (\$10.99 to \$14.99) – an aromatic, green-fruited Italian with a refreshingly acidic zing. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

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Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill? Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



### On Stage: Sprag Session

The Seahorse Tavern is presenting Sprag Session this Saturday. Sprag Session has developed a unique style and repertoire of music. Lingering somewhere amidst the rich, soulful roots of traditional Cape Breton music and the grooves of a thousand branches of rock and funk, Colin Grant embarks on his latest project. Together with The Modern Grass and The Fourth Wall, the tavern will be the place to be for a night that features everything from wild new flare to the east coast fiddle sound.



### Last Chance for Elf: The Musical

Don't miss your last chance to see the Canadian premiere of Elf: The Musical, closing on Sunday at Neptune Theatre. Elf is the enchanting modern fairy tale of Buddy, a young orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. Visit neptunetheatre.com.



### Every Week: COSMIC Bingo

Touted as Halifax's newest Saturday night experience, the Halifax Forum turns down the house lights and plugs in the black lights for Cosmic Bingo. This isn't your grandma's bingo. Glow in the dark cards and daubers, great music and light displays — it's bingo like you've never experienced it before. Doors open at 10 p.m. and play goes until midnight. For pricing information, visit halifaxforum.ca.



### On Display: NewPoints VIII

ViewPoint Gallery kicks off the New Year with NewPoints VIII: The New Member's Show. Open now until Feb. 2, ViewPoint reveals contemporary photography work from its latest members. Eight artists will be on display, ranging from the macro images of Angela Creaser to the horizontal prospective of Carl Snyder. Next week, you can meet the artists during their Jan. 13 artists' talk.

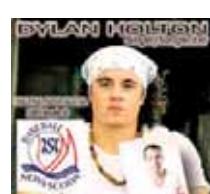


### Last Chance: Canadian Pioneers

Tom Thomson, Emily Carr, J.W. Morrice and the Group of Seven are the Canadian Pioneers and their works come together to create the Masterworks from the Sobey Collections. The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia has been a great host to more than 80 works, which will be leaving Halifax Sunday. Don't miss your chance to view these amazing pieces.



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### For a Cause: Dylan Holton & Tommy Green Jr.

Come out to The Carleton on Sunday night at 8 p.m. for a good cause. Major League Baseball hopeful-turned-talented-singer/songwriter Dylan Holton is joined by Tommy Green Jr. to perform a benefit show for Baseball Nova Scotia. For only \$10, come listen to soothing, acoustic music knowing the proceeds will be donated to BNS to give back to the baseball community Dylan says has helped him get to where he is today. Visit thecarleton.ca.



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AUS women's hockey

## Dalhousie shelved for season after hazing probe

The Dalhousie Tigers women's hockey team has been shelved for the season because of a hazing incident involving rookies on the club.

University spokesman Charles Crosby said via email Thursday the decision came following an investigation by the school's vice president of student services Bonnie Neuman into allegations levied by the parent of a first-year player about the treatment of rookies at a private house party in September.

Every player, other than the five rookies on the 24-person roster, was suspended for the season, making icing a team impossible.

"It was clearly a hazing incident," Crosby wrote by email. "We take this extremely seriously and we need to ensure nothing like this ever happens again. It's unacceptable at Dalhousie and something this serious requires serious consequences."

The school isn't getting into specifics about what happened, but Crosby said it involved excessive drinking, intimidation, personal disrespect and humiliation.

Besides suspending the 19 players, the school stripped the team's captains of their letters. Dalhousie also plans to increase education around its hazing policy and behavioral expectations for players from all varsity sports and is making counselling services available to team members.

Crosby said players were told of the decision Thursday afternoon. The investigation into the allegations ended at the end of November, but officials waited until the new year to implement the suspension because of exams.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO



Halifax Mooseheads forward Luca Ciampini takes out Moncton Wildcats forward Christophe Lalonde along the boards on Thursday night. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

# Moose rebound from poor start in latest W

**Hot herd.** Halifax has won eight straight overall and 18 consecutive at home

**PHILIP CROUCHER**  
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The Halifax Mooseheads may be due for a stinker but the Canadian Hockey League's top-ranked team wasn't about to let it materialize Thursday night.

The Mooseheads scored six unanswered goals after falling behind by a pair in a 7-3 victory over the Moncton Wildcats in QMJHL action at the Metro Centre before an energized crowd of 6,972.

**Quoted**

**"We kind of let off the gas a little bit, but you can't argue with how we finished."**

Mooseheads forward Andrew Ryan

Halifax played an uninspiring first 30 minutes but turned it on at the flick of a switch and erased a 3-1 second-period deficit when Stefan Fournier, Konrad Abelshauser and Brendan Duke found the back of the net just 5:37 apart.

"When we get one, it's like the train starts rolling," Duke said. "Guys get fired up and played their hearts out."

In the third, Andrew Ryan, with his second, MacKenzie Weegar and Darcy Ashley added insurance markers as Hal-

ifax rolled to another victory.

The Wildcats were outshot 41-19 and unraveled in the third period with a series of undisciplined penalties, including two match penalties.

One of those was against Moncton forward Yannick Veilleux, who fought Duke after running into Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucale. Veilleux was penalized for kicking Duke, who was lying on the ice, after the third-period fight.

"It was kind of a stomp. I just felt something on my leg,"

**Howe proud he is**

- Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Brendan Duke had an assist to go along with his goal and third-period fight.
- He said the Gordie Howe hat trick was a first for him.
- "I've never had one before. It felt good to do it."

Duke said.

With the win, Halifax (32-3-1) is now 19 points clear of the Wildcats (23-15-1) for top spot in the Maritimes Division.

The Mooseheads are back in action Friday when they host the Saint John Sea Dogs at 7 p.m.

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## NHLPA quick to restart 'disclaimer' process

Less than a day after letting a self-imposed deadline pass to declare a "disclaimer of interest," NHL players began voting to restore their executive board's authority to dissolve the union.

A 48-hour period for the NHLPA's membership to cast ballots opened at 6 p.m. ET on Thursday, according to a source.

The first vote, held over five days last month, passed overwhelmingly. Should at least two-thirds of players return a positive vote again and the NHLPA decide to notify

the league it is disclaiming, it would open the door for players to file antitrust lawsuits.

The opening of a new disclaimer vote was part of a busy Thursday that saw much more action away from the bargaining room than in it. The NHLPA also filed its statement of defence with the district court in New York, arguing that the lawsuit filed by the NHL last month should be dismissed because it was brought forward for "strategic reasons."

"The NHL is using this suit in an attempt to force the play-

**Ongoing talks**  
  
The sides only met in small groups on Thursday. Both the league and union spent time meeting independently with U.S. federal mediator Scot Beckenbaugh, who rejoined talks this week, and were scheduled to gather together with him again on Friday morning.

ers to remain in a union," it claimed.

The league had asked the court to rule on the legality of the lockout in a move considered to be a pre-emptive strike to a potential "disclaimer of interest" declaration from the NHLPA. The union had until Jan. 7 to make a response and elected to file its paperwork with the court a few days early.

The salary cap range for the 2013-14 season — the first full one under the new CBA — remained a significant hurdle, according to sources. The two sides are \$5 million apart on the max. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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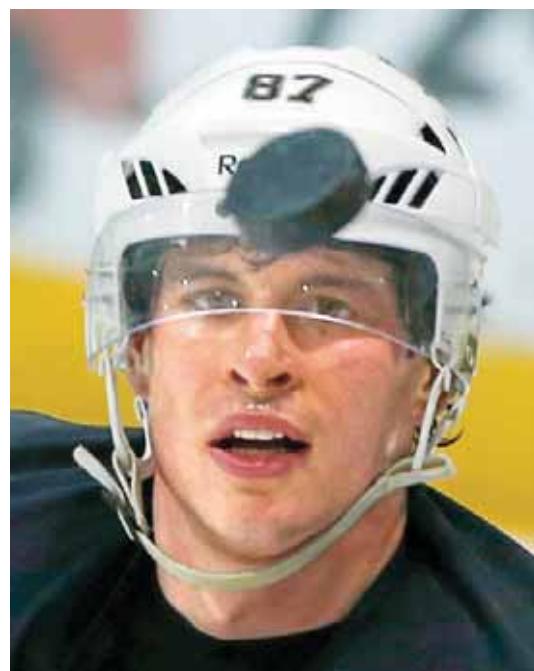
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Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby keeps his eyes on the puck during a workout on Thursday in Canonsburg, Pa. Crosby and some of his teammates believe their team would have the upper hand should a 48-game season commence soon. KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Sticking together for shot at glory

### Post-lockout hopes.

Penguins see cohesion and lack of turnover as an advantage in possible 48-game sked

there's trust there. Maybe with some newer guys you have to develop that a little bit more, but yeah, I would say it can't hurt and it certainly helps a little bit to have that familiarity there."

While some Penguins, notably reigning MVP Evgeni Malkin, travelled overseas to cash a paycheque during the lockout, Crosby has been leading a handful of teammates onto the ice for drills four days a week. Thursday he lined up alongside normal linemates Chris Kunitz and Pascal Dupuis for a little 4-on-4.

The hour-long session didn't quite match the intensity of a game, but there are few places in the league that have shown as much solidarity during the four-month lockout. The Penguins believe that can only pay off when things get going for real.

"I think we're going to find out (when the lockout ends) which teams took it seriously the last couple months (and) who decided to go on vacation," defenceman Ben Lovejoy said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sidney Crosby's been down the road too many times during the NHL's seemingly interminable lockout to get too optimistic about the latest — and perhaps last — round of negotiations.

Yet the Pittsburgh Penguins star knows eventually his team will get back to work. If it's sometime later this month, the normal 82-game regular season would turn into a 48-game dash, one that would seem to favour clubs like the Penguins.

Pittsburgh did little to overhaul its roster during the off-season, believing the core that fell to Philadelphia in the opening round of last spring's playoffs remains strong enough to compete for a Stanley Cup.

Other than the addition of centre Brandon Sutter — acquired in a draft-day trade that sent Jordan Staal to Carolina — the Penguins believe there will be little if any "getting to know you" time whenever the puck drops.

"We can look at that as a positive for sure," Crosby said. "Guys understand their roles and what they need to do, and

# An inglorious end to Canada's hopes

**World juniors.** Talent-laden Canadians' title drought extended to four years in Russia

An NHL lockout has helped lift Canada to gold at past world junior hockey championships. But not this time.

Canada dominated en route to gold in 1995 and 2005 when the NHL also locked out its players.

Another labour stoppage this year meant coach Steve Spott had most of the country's top 19-year-old talent available to him.

But bronze is the best this Canadian team can do after a 5-1 loss to the United States in Thursday's semifinal.

The Americans and defending champion Sweden will play for gold, while Canada takes on the hosts for bronze Saturday in Ufa, Russia. The Swedes edged Russia 3-2 in a shootout in the other semifinal.

Canada must find solace in extending its run of medals in this tournament to 15 consecutive years.

"We've got to come home



Canadian captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, right, hangs his head with teammates after losing 5-1 to Team USA on Thursday in Ufa, Russia. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

with a medal," captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins said. "It's not the one we want to come home with, but we've got to do it for our country."

Canada beat the U.S. and Russia en route to finishing first in Pool B at 4-0 to earn a bye to the semifinal. But for the second straight year, Canada failed to parlay the bye

into a berth in the gold-medal game.

"For it to happen again, it's pretty heartbreaking," said second-year forward Mark Scheifele.

The International Ice Hockey Federation is doing away with the bye starting in 2014, so the tournament will feature four quarter-finals in-

stead of two.

So while the Americans flexed their scoring muscles in a 7-0 win over the Czech Republic in Wednesday's quarter-final, the Canadians vowed after practice the same day they couldn't have a slow start Thursday.

But they went out and did just that. The firepower that

## What to watch for on Saturday

A glance at Saturday's bronze-medal game between Canada and Russia (5 a.m., TSN):

- Ryan Nugent-Hopkins — Held off the scoresheet in semifinal loss, Canada's captain needs to create scoring chances on top line.
- Jonathan Drouin — A chance for 17-year-old

forward to further raise his stock for the NHL draft.

- Nikita Kucherov — Forward for the QMJHL's Rouyn-Noranda Huskies leads Russians in scoring.
- Nail Yakupov — Has been guilty of trying to do too much on his own. Time to start distributing the puck.

Canada purportedly had up front did not fire.

Scheifele, Jonathan Huberdeau and Ryan Strome would probably have joined Nugent-Hopkins in the NHL this season if not for the lockout. All four were held off the scoresheet.

When Spott chose his 23 players at selection camp in Calgary last month, he said he did so with speed in mind. It was the Americans who made Canada look like they were standing still for two periods Thursday.

Led by Calgary Flames prospect John Gaudreau and captain Jake McCabe, the U.S. beat Canada to the puck at both

## Tennis. Raonic loses a slug fest in Brisbane

Canadian Milos Raonic made an early exit at the Brisbane International on Thursday, dropping a 6-3, 6-4 decision in his opening match to Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., conceded just three points on his own first serve in the second-round matchup, but was unable to put pressure on his opponent's first serve. Dimitrov won all 26 of his first-serve points in the 61-minute match.

The second-seeded Raonic is 13th in the world rankings, 35 positions ahead of the Bulgarian. Dimitrov will next play No. 7, Jürgen Melzer of Austria, who posted a 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over David Goffin of Belgium.

Meanwhile, Serena Williams had a tough win over the woman she's predicting will one day top the rankings, setting up a semifinal match against current No. 1 Victoria Azarenka.

The reigning Wimbledon, U.S. Open and Olympic champion showed plenty of emotion on key points in a heavy-hitting duel with Fed Cup teammate Sloane Stephens on Thursday before winning 6-4, 6-3.

Williams converted both break points and fended off one break chance against her in each set, later saying



Milos Raonic plays against Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria on Thursday in Brisbane, Australia. GETTY IMAGES

Stephens had the potential to be "the best in the world one day."

The 19-year-old Stephens accepted the warm praise from Williams, her childhood idol.

"To have someone like that, who I think is one of the greatest players to ever play the game, say that about you is really nice," Stephens said. "I lost to the best player in the world today, so, you know, it's good."

Olympic and U.S. Open champion Andy Murray was pushed before winning his opening match 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 against Australian qualifier John Millman, who finished last year ranked No. 228.

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## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	8	.733	—
New York	22	10	.688	1
Atlanta	20	10	.667	2
Indiana	19	13	.594	4
Chicago	17	13	.567	2
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	6
Brooklyn	17	15	.531	6
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	8 1/2
Boston	14	17	.452	8 1/2
Toronto	12	20	.375	11
Orlando	12	20	.375	11
Detroit	12	22	.353	12
Charlotte	8	23	.256	14 1/2
Cleveland	7	26	.212	16 1/2
Washington	4	26	.133	18

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	24	7	.774	—
San Antonio	26	9	.743	—
L.A. Clippers	25	8	.758	—
Memphis	20	9	.690	3
Golden State	22	10	.688	2 1/2
Houston	18	14	.563	6 1/2
Denver	18	16	.529	7 1/2
Minnesota	15	14	.517	8
Portland	16	15	.516	8
Utah	16	17	.485	9
L.A. Lakers	15	16	.484	9
Dallas	13	20	.394	12
Sacramento	12	20	.375	12 1/2
Phoenix	12	21	.364	13
New Orleans	7	25	.219	17 1/2

### Thursday's results

New York 100 San Antonio 83  
Minnesota 101 Denver 97  
**Wednesday's results**  
Toronto 102 Portland 79  
Brooklyn 110 Oklahoma City 93  
Chicago 96 Orlando 94  
Houston 104 New Orleans 92  
Golden State 115 L.A. Clippers 94  
Indiana 89 Washington 81  
Memphis 93 Boston 83  
Miami 119 Dallas 109 (OT)  
Phoenix 95 Philadelphia 89  
Sacramento 97 Cleveland 94  
San Antonio 111 Milwaukee 110  
Utah 106 Minnesota 84  
**Friday's games — All Times Eastern**  
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
Indiana at Boston, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.  
Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

## TENNIS

### ATP-WTA BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

**At Brisbane, Australia**  
**Men's Singles — Second Round**  
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Milos Raonic (2), Thornhill, Ont., 6-3, 6-4.  
Alexandr Dolgopolov (4), Ukraine, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-2, 4-1, retired.  
Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.  
Jürgen Melzer (7), Austria, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 6-4, 7-6 (4).  
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 7-5, 7-5.

### Women's Singles — Quarter-finals

Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-0.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Angelique Kerber (4), Germany, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

### Second Round

Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.

### ATP CHENNAI OPEN

**At Chennai, India**  
**Men's Doubles — First Round**  
Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Daniel Nestor (1), Toronto, def. N. Sriram Balaji, India, and Jeewan Nedunchezhiyan, India, 6-3, 6-0.

### NFL

### WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

#### Saturday's games — All Times Eastern

AFC — Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.

NFC — Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

#### Sunday's games

AFC — Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

NFC — Seattle at Washington, 4:30 p.m.

### DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

#### Saturday, Jan. 12

AFC — Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Denver, 4:30 p.m.

NFC — Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

#### Sunday, Jan. 13

NFC — Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

AFC — Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Sunday, Jan. 20

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## IIHF WORLD JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

### Thursday's results

#### SEMIFINALS

U.S. 5 Canada 1

Sweden 3 Russia 2 (SO)

#### Wednesday's results

#### QUARTER-FINALS

U.S. 7 Czech Republic 0

Russia 4 Switzerland 3 (SO)

#### Friday's game — All Times Eastern

#### FIFTH PLACE

Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 8 a.m.

#### Saturday's game

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Canada vs. Russia, 4 a.m.

#### GOLD MEDAL

Sweden vs. U.S., 8 a.m.

#### RELEGATION BRACKET

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Slovakia 2 1 1 0 0 7 4 5

Germany 2 0 0 1 1 1 10 1

Latvia 2 0 0 0 2 4 10 0

#### Thursday's result

Slovakia 5 Latvia 3

#### Wednesday's result

Finland 8 Germany 0

#### Friday's game

Latvia vs. Germany, 4 a.m.

Finland vs. Slovakia, 8 a.m.

#### U.S. 5, CANADA 1

#### First Period

1. U.S., McCabe 2 (Reilly, Barber) 7:18.

2. U.S., McCabe 3 (Grimaldi, Trochek) 16:02.

#### Penalties — None.

#### Second Period

3. U.S., McCabe 6 (McCabe, Gibson) 2:58

4. U.S., Vesey 1 (Gaudreau, Miller) 12:44

Penalties — Nugent-Hopkins Cda (slashing)

6:48, Murphy US (tripping) 9:46, Reinhart Cda (high-sticking) 12:40, Camara Cda (high-sticking) 18:54.

#### Third Period

5. Canada, Rattie 3, 4:03 (sh)

6. U.S., Gaudreau 7 (Vesey, Miller) 5:41

Penalties — Sheifele Cda (kneeing), Sieiroff US (handling the puck) 0:48, Canada bench (too many men; served by Ritchie) 2:57, Gaudreau US (high-sticking) 9:55, Camara Cda (high-sticking) 15:56, Danault Cda (kneeing) 18:58, Reinhart Cda (cross-checking) 20:00.

#### Shots on goal by

U.S. 12 12 16 42

Canada 8 10 16 34

Goal (shots-saves) — U.S.: Gibson (W, 4-2);

Canada: Subban (L, 4-1, 16-12); Binnington (12:44 second; 26-25).

Power plays (goals-chances) — U.S.: 0-6;

Canada: 0-2.

Attendance — 4,781 (8,250) at Ufa, Russia.

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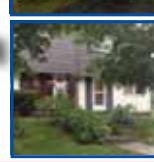
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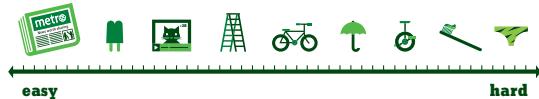
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### ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It may feel as if something good is going out of your life, and maybe it is, but something equally good will replace it within a matter of days. Don't worry: Lady Luck is still on your side.

### ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You have only got to put a name to your dreams to see them come true. Can it really be that easy? Yes it can. Believe that you deserve the best and you will surely get it over the next few days.

### ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

No doubt you wish you could close your eyes and ears to the chaos and confusion that is taking place around you but you can't, so you might as well get used to it. Maybe you should just get more involved.

### ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to feel that you are doing something useful with your talents and today's Mars-Jupiter link will encourage you to reach out into the world and make a difference in some way. You can be a force for change.

### ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will find it surprisingly easy to get your way on the work front today. Colleagues and employers seem to think that you can do no wrong and if you are smart you will make the most of it.

### ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't let anyone tell you that you are aiming too high today. If anything you are still not aiming high enough. Mars and Jupiter combine in such a way now that no challenge is too much for you.

### ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will have to make some big decisions over the next 24 hours and the good news is you will make them quickly and decisively. Financially and professionally you can and you must put your own needs first.

### ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Partnership and relationships are under good stars today, so reach out to friends and family and let them know how much you enjoy their company. A social event of some kind will bring you all closer together.

### ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You feel stronger than you have for a long time and that's good, but don't suddenly push yourself beyond your natural limits because your body may not be able to take it. You are allowed to rest you know.

### ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your luck will change for the better today. Not that it was bad before but suddenly everything seems to be going your way again. What is it you desire most? Focus on it and soon it will be yours.

### ♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It may seem as if your life is heading down a predestined course but that isn't strictly true. You can change your destiny any time you choose, but first you need to believe that it's possible. Start believing today. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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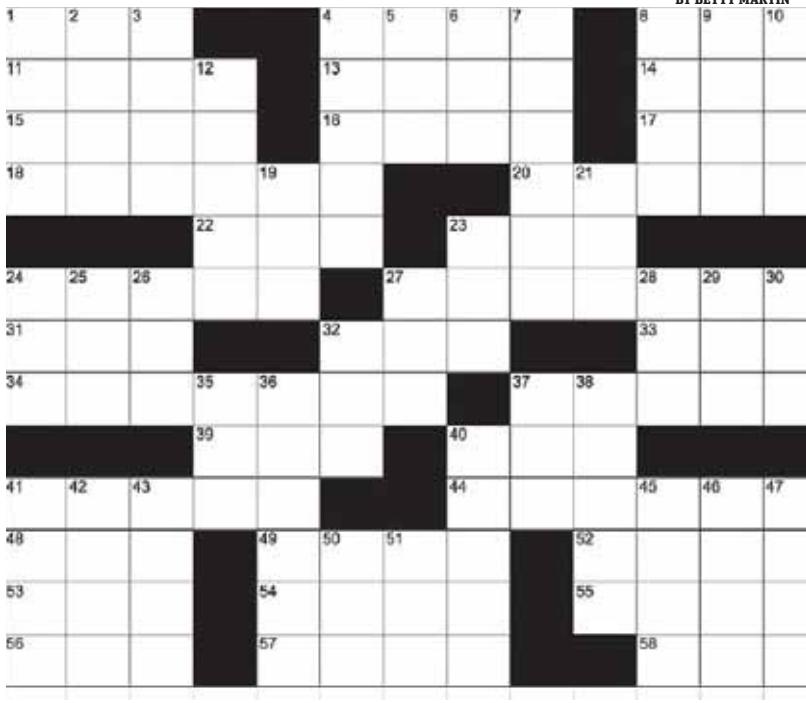
### Across

1. — snail's pace (2 words)
4. Halt
8. Calendar square
11. Clammy
13. Luau fare
14. Devoured
15. Solo
16. Sharif of "Funny Girl"
17. Heavy weight
18. Paper border
20. Mine transports
22. Summer on the Riviera
23. "Anna and the King" actress Ling
24. Not quite right
27. On the same family tree
31. Get into
32. Police dept. rank
33. Spanish gold
34. Playing field
37. Inclined
39. Air quality org.
40. Where the buoys are
41. Give a speech
44. Cell phone feature
48. Buddy
49. Close by
52. Baby buggy
53. St. crosser
54. Jazzy Fitzgerald
55. Sediment
56. Superman foe Luther
57. Regard
58. Old video game letters

### Down

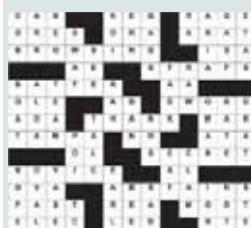
1. Role for David Canary on All My Children
2. "Gone with the Wind" plantation
3. Eastern title
4. "Romancing the —"
5. Tartan topper
6. Openings (anat.)
7. Grand entrance
8. Facts
9. Wee bit
10. Strong desires
12. Book contents
19. TGIF part
21. Inlet
23. Wager
24. Total up
25. Reply from Miss Piggy

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26. — funk (moody)
27. Lipstick colour
28. Also
29. Shore bird
30. Forest female
32. Genetic initials
35. How I — Your Mother
36. Started the bidding
37. Stew ingredient
38. Highway exits
40. "Get lost!"
41. October birthstone
42. Great review
43. Role for Michael J. Fox
45. Emerald Isle
46. Breathing sound
47. Qtys.
50. Letter after ka in Spanish
51. Bar order

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6	7	5	3	2	1	9	4	8
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5	3	1	9	8	6	4	2	7
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9						6		

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